

CELEBRATE AND CONNECT

“The possibilities created by the celebration of this second bicentenary, following so closely upon the first . . . appear boundless.” —The Universal House of Justice

Two hundred years ago, a Messenger of God known as the Báb was born in Shíráz, Persia (now Iran). His teachings inspired people with hope and prepared the way for the coming of the next Messenger, Bahá'u'lláh.

On October 29, Bahá'ís and friends will gather around the world

to celebrate the bicentenary of the Báb's birth. It's a wonderful time for communities to reach out and strengthen bonds of fellowship and unity with neighbors and loved ones.

These activities can help to illumine your celebrations with the warm glow of friendship.

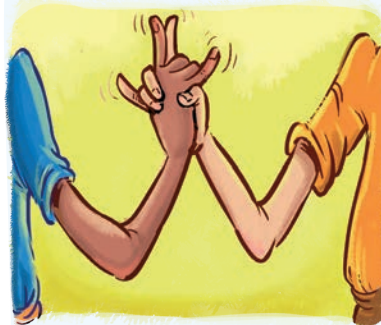
COMMUNITY BUILDING

In a circle, one person starts with the phrase, “We’re building unity and we need . . .” then adds a virtue that contributes to unity in their community. The next person repeats the opening line and virtue, then adds a new unity-building quality.

The game continues around the circle with each person reciting the growing list of virtues before adding their own.



SHAKE ON IT



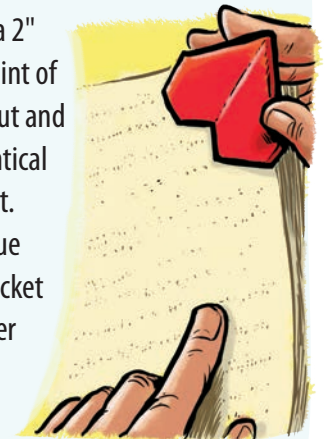
One person is the “beacon.” When the beacon shouts “Team 1,” everyone finds a partner. They introduce themselves, then create a unique handshake. When the beacon shouts “Team 2,” everyone finds a new partner and creates a new handshake.

Continue until everyone has created five new handshakes. When the beacon shouts any number 1–5, everyone rushes to their partner for that number and greets them with the corresponding handshake.

LOVE OF LEARNING

Create a bookmark as a gift. Draw a 2” heart on card stock, making the point of the heart a 90-degree angle. Cut out and use as a template to trace two identical hearts from decorative paper or felt.

Cut out the two hearts, then glue the straight edges together in a pocket shape. Make sure the top and center of the heart can open. Let dry, then share with a friend.



FRUIT SALSA



Dice one pint of strawberries, two peeled kiwis, and one apple. Mix together in a bowl with ¼ cup of sugar, 8 oz. of raspberries, and 1–2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Refrigerate for about 30 minutes.

Serve with cinnamon pita chips or as a topping for ice cream or cake.



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